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MEETING, COPENHAGEN

1. THE JUNE 13 DANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF YESTERDAY'S EC FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING COPENHAGEN FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON THE NINE'S
DECISION "TO MOVE AHEAD ON GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC" AND ON
THEIR RELUCTANCE TO INITIATE "SANCTIONS" AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.
THE TREATMENT WAS EXTENSIVE BUT SUPERFICIAL AND SOMETIMES
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INACCURATE.

2. INFORMATION (LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL) AND AKTUELT (SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC) REPORT THAT AS EARLY AS YESTERDAY EVENING THE DANISH
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD CALLED IN THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS
HERE TO INFORM THEM OF THE EC'S PLANS REGARDING THE TIMETABLE FOR
GREEK ACCESSION. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE)

WRITES THAT THE NINE THREW "A BONE" TO TURKEY IN THE FORM OF PROMISING TO DEVELOP INCREASED CONTACTS.

3. HEADLINED "NO CONCRETE EC SANCTIONS", POLITIKEN'S (INDEPENDENT/ LEFT OF CENTER) ACCOUNT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IS A STRONG CRITICISM OF THE FAILURE OF THE NINE TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. THE ARTICLE BLAMES "GREAT BRITIAN AND THE OTHER EC COUNTRIES WHICH WORRY ABOUT THEIR INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA". ALL PAPERS COMMENT THAT AS FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN HAD FEARED, THE EC'S CREDIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE IS ERODING. EKSTRA BLADET (POLITIKEN'S TABLOID) JIBES THAT THIS EROSION CANNOT BE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, UNTIL AFTER JULY 1 WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN IS NO LONGER PRESIDENT OF THE EC.

4. NOTING THAT THE OFFICIAL PART OF THE MEETING LASTED ONLY 2 1/2 HOURS, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE REPORTS THAT AN UNOFFICIAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN ZIARE OCCUPIED THE MINISTERS DURING THEIR Q 1/2 HOUR LUNCH. K.B.ANDERSEN TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ONLY AND THAT "ZAIRE IS NOT AN EC MATTER".

5. HOWEVER, INFORMATION, AKTUELST AND BERLINSKE TIDENDE ASSERT THAT THE MINISTERS CONSIDERED POSSIBLE EC ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ZAIRES. ACCORDING TO AKTUELST, SEVERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS LATER WARNED AGAINST THE IDEA OF SENDING MERCENARY SOLDIERS TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT REGIME IN ZAIRES.

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